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Filed: July 8, 1998 ) Examiner: E. White  
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ABSORBENT...QUESTION )

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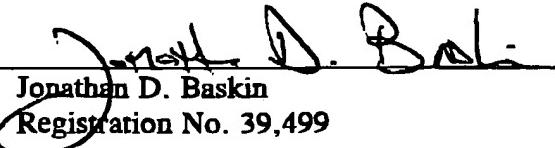
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Applicants respectfully request for an Examiner-Initialed Form PTO-1449 in connection with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 16, 1998.

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Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- Also enclosed is Request for Examiner-Initialed Form PTO-1449
- \_\_\_\_\_ statement(s) claiming small entity status  
[ ] are also enclosed [ ] were submitted previously.
- A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) is also enclosed.
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